

flammation of the brain tissue. New blood-vessels are formed in the wall of the abscess. A consolidation of the blood-vessels, on the contrary, and a breaking up of their endothelia into medullary elements, afterwards pus corpuscles, takes place whenever the tissue is destroyed by suppuration. Pus is mainly a product of the inflamed tissue itself, and not of emigration of colorless blood corpuscles.

## EXPLANATION OF FIGURES.

- Fig. 1. Transverse section through the wall of an abscess of the brain; a, layer of fibrous connective tissue with scanty blood-vessels bounding the abscess; b, b, layer of myxomatous connective tissue with capillary blood-vessels c, c; f, f, white substance of the brain with numerous large blood-vessels. Magnified  $\times 200$ .
- Fig. 2. Same as Fig. 1. a, layer of fibrous connective tissue in the condition of recent transformation of meduliary elements into fibrous basis substance; d, d, nests of meduliary elements, apparently produced by the proliferation of the endothelia of former blood vessels. Some of the nests hold a still recognizable, though compressed, calibre in their centres. b, myxomatous portion of the wall of the abscess, built up by a wide reticulum of fibrous connective tissue, in the meshes of which, e, e, numerous meduliary elements are imbedded, either in a delicate fibrous reticulum, or in a light, homogeneous basis substance. Magnified  $\times 500$ .
- Fig. 3. Axis cylinders taken from the boundary between the grey and white substance, with marked inflammatory changes; a, circumscribed enlargement of the axis cylinder; b, rosary-like; c, club-like enlargement of the axis cylinder; d, medullary elements arisen from the breaking apart of the axis cylinder; c, nucleus of the grey substance in proliferation; f, the reticulum of the grey matter with considerably enlarged points of intersection—the future medullary elements; g, vacuole. Magnified  $\times 1,200$  (immersion lens).
- Fig. 4. Inflammatory changes of the ganglionic nerve-elements of the grey substance of the brain; a, coarse granules, new nuclei in the body of the ganglionic element; b, splitting of a ganglionic element on its peripheral portion into medullary elements; c, the whole body split into large, nearly homogeneous lumps; d, the whole body and also its offshoot (c) split into numerous medullary elements, all in connection with each other by means of delicate threads; f, periganglionic space; g, grey substance of brain traversed by axis cylinders with considerable inflammatory changes, viz.: formation of indifferent or medullary elements. Magnified  $\times 600$ .